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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

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Chief, Policy and Plans Group

SUBJECT: National Security Council Decision Directive 19  
(NSDD 19)

1. On the morning of 26 January 1982, the Deputy Director of Security, the Chairman of SECOM, and the undersigned met with Robert Gates, the DDI, for the purpose of obtaining background information and further guidance on the implementation of NSDD 19.

2. Mr. Gates advises that the DCI and DDCI believe that the signature of an individual on a SCI Nondisclosure Agreement is sufficient to make that individual subject to investigation by all legal means in the event of unauthorized disclosures. As described in NSDD 19, the implementing directive for the NSDD is expected to make clear that "all legal means" include the use of the polygraph. Refusal of an individual to be polygraphed will be considered grounds for administrative sanctions. The Nondisclosure Agreement for SCI is to be revised to include explicitly the provisions of NSCDD 19 for investigation by all legal means, including polygraph.

3. Mr. Gates suggests that initial implementation should be accomplished by having Agency heads announce that the DCI has implemented NSDD 19 by an instruction that SCI and Intelligence Special Access Program materials are subject to the same controls as National Security Council information, spelled out in NSDD 19. This does not include National Intelligence Directives, National Intelligence Estimates, Special National Intelligence Estimates, etc.

4. Mr. Gates suggested that advice be formulated for tactics for implementation by the DCI and DDCI. These would include:

- Discussion of NSDD 19 implementation by the DCI at a NFIB meeting.

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- Appearance of the DDCI at a SECOM meeting to give guidance on implementation.
- Emphasize the fact that this is a White House initiative.
- Responsibility for implementation should be placed firmly on individual Agency heads.
- The DCI's profile should be kept as low as possible.

25X1 5. Within CIA, National Security Council cover sheet control should be handled by the Executive Secretary to the DCI. [ ] should ensure that all documents requiring NSC cover sheets have them. NSC documents will be tracked through regular Registry procedures. Cover sheets of destroyed NSC documents will be returned to Executive Registry for retention. Mr. Gates believes the volume of NSC cover sheet actions will be quite low.

6. In the event of unauthorized disclosures of sensitive classified intelligence information, Agency heads will conduct investigation upon determination by senior intelligence officers that a leak has occurred. Senior intelligence officers will report all such determinations to the DCI. The DCI will report leaks to the Justice Department and take appropriate action to request investigation or other legal action. The Justice Department will coordinate the FBI investigation and any polygraph examinations incident to the investigation will be conducted by the FBI.

7. Mr. Gates was advised of our discussions with the representatives of the Public Affairs Branch and of their initiatives to modify regulations to make the DDCI the approving officer for all background briefings for the media. He expressed his approval of this action.

8. The above is for your information. [ ] will begin drafting implementation procedures for the Community. PPG will initiate action to change the Nondisclosure Agreement and to implement the internal CIA procedures outlined above. If you have further instructions, please advise [ ]

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